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The following is in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed 08/09/2005, for which the three-month date for response is 11/09/2005.

Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required two-month extension of time fee as indicated on enclosed FORM 2038. Any other necessary fees should be charged to Deposit Account No. 13-3082, Order No. PA-00409US.

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